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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of   )
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ATSUSHI OKADA, ET AL.   )
                           :   Group Art Unit: 2761
Application No.: 09/386,330)
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Filed: August 30, 1999   )
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For: PURCHASE REQUEST APPROV-)   February 17, 2000
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        CHASE REQUEST APPROVING)
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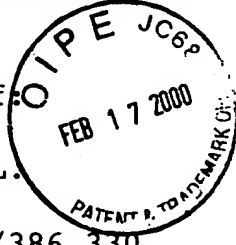Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C.   20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under

37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under

37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed

to the following U.S. Applications:

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	GROUP ART UNIT
09/386,331	08/30/99	2761
09/385,841	08/30/99	2761
09/385,047	08/30/99	2876

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the present application or prior to the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits of the application. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.
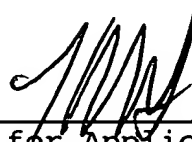
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All

correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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